

**MINUTES**  
**EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

**City Council Chamber**

**4:00 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Anderson, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Kate Felton, Jeremy Gragert, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, and Terry Weld.

The following Council members were absent: Charles Johnson and Andrew Werthmann.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, November 22, 2022:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the November 8, 2022 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Article Dealer licenses.
- Granting the renewal of Pawnbroker licenses
- Granting a Class A Intoxicating Liquor license to ACS LLC, d/b/a Downtown Candy,
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to The Children’s Museum of Eau Claire, President, Jason Munz
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Sacred Heart of Jesus – St Patrick, Pastor, Rev Antony Joseph
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2022-39, Chemicals for Water Treatment and Waste Water Treatment Plants.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

**PROCLAMATION**

President Weld read a proclamation to extend profound appreciation to the dedicated election offices for outstanding service during the elections held in 2022.

**TRANSIT AGREEMENT**

The City Council considered a resolution approving an amendment to the City of Eau Claire and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Transit Service Agreement of 2019. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Kate Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a sideletter to the collective bargaining agreement between the City and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1310. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **EASEMENT RELEASE**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the public utility easement release and relocation of a utility located north of Keystone Crossing. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **SEVEN MILE CREEK LANDFILL**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements to the proposed solid waste landfill expansion of the Seven Mile Creek Landfill. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **HIGHWAY T PROPERTY**

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for a subdivision known as Eau Claire Heights located at the southwest corner of Highway T and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue (File P-9-22). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Highway T Property, LLC for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Eau Claire Heights. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **CITY OF EAU CLAIRE EMPLOYMENT POLICIES**

The City Council considered a resolution amending City of Eau Claire Employment Policies. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **BOND AGENT**

The City Council considered a resolution appointing Bond Trust Services Corporation as fiscal agent in connection with certain outstanding obligations. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & LEAVES PLAN**

The Council considered an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to suspend the rules which interfere with the immediate consideration of amending the ordinance.” Said motion to suspend the rules passed by unanimous vote. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ZONING**

The Council had the first reading on an ordinance rezoning property from C-3H to R-4P located at 955 W. Clairemont Avenue to adopt the general development plan with site plan for multi-family development and parking with a planned development (Z-1718-22).

The Council had the first reading on ordinance rezoning property from TR-1A to R-3P located at Hwy 53, northwest of Prairie Park Drive to adopt the general development plan for multi-family residential (Z-1719-22).

## **ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS**

The Council had the first reading on an ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire.

## **BUDGET ADOPTION**

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed General Fund budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed City – County Health Department budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the following proposed budgets for various agencies and utilities of the City of Eau Claire for Fiscal Year 2023:

- a. Economic Development
- b. Community Enhancement
- c. Downtown Fund
- d. Cemetery Maintenance
- e. Hazardous Materials Response
- f. Landfill Remediation
- g. 7-Mile Landfill Remediation
- h. K-9 Fund
- i. Debt Service - General Fund
- j. TID #8 (Downtown Development Area)
- k. TID #9 (Gateway Northwest Business Park Overlay)
- l. TID #10 (Confluence Project)
- m. TID #11 (Downtown)
- n. TID # 12 (Water Street)
- o. TID #13 (Cannery)
- p. TID #14 (Menomonie Street)
- q. TID #15 (Gateway Northwest)
- r. Water Utility
- s. Sewer Utility
- t. Storm Water Utility
- u. Parking Fund
- v. Public Transit
- w. Hobbs Municipal Ice Center
- x. Fairfax Municipal Pool
- y. Risk Management
- z. Central Equipment
- aa. Redevelopment Authority
- bb. American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The City Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2023 special assessments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The City Council considered a resolution appropriating the 2023 capital projects identified in the 2023 - 2027 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion

was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ISSUANCE OF BONDS & OFFICIAL INTENT**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and authorizing an officer to declare official intent for federal income tax purposes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGETS**

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2023 budgets for the Business Improvement Districts within the City of Eau Claire and authorization to levy special assessments:

- South Barstow Business Improvement District
- West Grand Avenue Business Improvement District
- Water Street Business Improvement District
- N. Barstow/Medical Business Improvement District

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **WATER UTILITY RATE**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a Water Utility rate increase. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **SCHEDULE OF FEES & LICENSES**

The City Council considered a resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2023.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to amend the 2023 Schedule of Fees and Licenses” line D-313 (Drop in Parks & Recreation Program-Youth 17 years & under) from the proposed amount of \$5.00 to remain at the 2022 adopted fee of \$4.00. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to amend the 2023 Schedule of Fees and Licenses” line Pool-2 (Daily Admission - Youth 3 Yrs. to 17, Adult, Lamp Swim, and Water Aerobics) from the proposed amount of \$5.50 to remain at the 2022 adopted fee of \$5.00. Said motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Council Members Anderson, Christopherson, Felton, Gragert, Jones, Mboga, Miller, and Weld.

Nay: Council Member Berge.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution as amended.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **PAY PLAN & PRACTICES**

The City Council considered an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Pay Plan and Practices. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **TAX LEVIES & TAX RATES**

The City Council considered a resolution establishing the 2022 tax levies for taxes collectible in 2023 and setting the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution levying tax rates for all taxable real and personal property in the 2022 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: November 22, 2022

Time: 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld  
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner  
City Clerk